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DISINFECTANTS.

CARBOLIC POWDER.

For the disinfection of floors, of floors, drains, water-closets, etc., and for the disinfection of Sick-rooms.

CARBOLIC ACID.

For disinfecting purposes. Half an ounce (about one tablespoonful) of this acid when mixed with one quart of water, forms a superior disinfectant and deodorizing fluid.

PERMANENT DISINFECTANT.

Similar to Carbolic Acid, but stronger. To be used in a similar manner.

CAMPHELENE POWDER.

CAMPHELENE BALLS.

CAMPHELENE BLOCKS.

JETES' FLUID.

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NAPHTHALINE.

QUICKLINE.

IZAL.

CONDY'S FLUID.

CONDY'S POWDER.

SANITAS POWDER.

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At the present time disinfectants ought to be used freely by all.

Disinfectants used on the higher levels of the City will, in addition to purifying the house drains in which they are used, tend to effect the eradication of the disease on the lower levels, and should be used freely.

Further information can be obtained by personal application.

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When the plague raged in China some little time ago, it was hardly to be found amongst the European community with regard to the washing of their linen. So far there is no cause for alarm, all the washermen's shops being outside the infected districts. It is doubtful, too, whether the infection could be conveyed by linen. The disease is said to be non-contagious, and a case is on record in which a certain doctor, in order to give practical proof of this, wore for several days without ill effects a shirt which had been taken from a patient who died of plague. But the average man would prefer to have his linen and that of his household kept as far as possible from any centre affected by a loathsome disease, irrespective of scientific theories as to contagion or otherwise. The community, however, allowed the steam laundry to die for want of support, and when, some years later, the Government recognized the importance of having laundries complying with reasonable sanitary requirements and established a block of ten at the end of Kennedy Road, the washermen, with one exception, refused to occupy them. Nine of the laundries are now standing empty, while the bulk of the community's washing is sorted and got up in Chinatown, not actually in the plague district, but uncomfortably near to it. Could not something be done to induce the washermen to make use of the public laundries on Kennedy Road? The question of rent need hardly enter into the consideration of the question, for it would be better that the washermen should be allowed to use the places near to them than that the clothes should be sorted, cut, starched, and pressed in such close proximity to the plague district.

Another matter that may have given some persons a little uneasiness is the condition of the bathhouse from which they obtain their towels. The anxiety of the Europeans residents to get their towels from the bathhouse in the Wanchai district, so that the risk of the coming in contact with persons suffering from plague is a remote one, and the bathhouse in this district is moreover fairly satisfactory from a sanitary point of view, but there are also bathhouses in the Central district from which some persons obtain their towels, and the bulk of the bathhouse in the market probably comes from these establishments. It may be remembered that between three and four years ago Mr. Huxley, the Sanitary Superintendent, made a report on the bathhouses of the Colony, in which he stated the condition in which he had found the establishments by personal inspection. Speaking of those in Hollywood Road, Upper Lascar Row, and East Street, he said they were all ground floors of ordinary Chinese dwellings and without considerable alterations, unsuitable for bathhouses; although not pronouncedly filthy, none of them were in the clean condition in which food preparing establishments should be kept; the drainage of all of them appeared to be very defective, and the

persons employed in them appeared to make them their dwelling houses. A committee of the Sanitary Board was appointed to investigate the subject, and after considering the matter, the Board, after having been advised by the Legislative Council, were published in the Government Gazette. These by-laws, which came into force at the beginning of last year, provide for the water supply, drainage, and cleanliness of bathhouses. In his report for the half-year ended the 30th June, 1933, the Sanitary Superintendent reported that the whole of the bathhouses had had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the state of the law, and in nearly every bathhouse some attempt had been made to comply therewith, but, where the bathhouses required alterations of a structural or permanent character, so far in only one or two cases had these been carried out. Mr. McCullum went on to say that so far as he could judge these structural alterations would only be effected after one or two prosecutions for breaches of the by-laws had been initiated and carried to a successful issue. He was not aware that any prosecutions were instituted, but in his report for last year the Acting Sanitary Superintendent, Mr. E. A. Rax, said the by-laws had been enforced with excellent results, that nothing still remained to be done, especially in the direction of improved drainage, but that speaking broadly the bathhouses may now be said to be in a wholesome and sanitary condition. This is reassuring, as far as it goes, but as a thing like the present special attention should be devoted to these establishments by the Sanitary staff.

While on the subject of the plague we may mention another matter in connection therewith as affecting Europeans. From cases which have already occurred it is believed that some inconvenience may be caused to motorists and motorists at the end of the month by the desertion of their servants as soon as they have received their wages. Most people have fixed dates for paying their servants, the 5th, or 10th, or as the case may be, but many people are also in the habit of making advances or of paying earlier than the fixed date when their servants prefer a request to that effect. It would probably be well at present to adhere rigidly to the fixed date and to make no advances. This would be no real hardship to the servants, but on the contrary would be in the long run probably be for their benefit, for the people who are leaving the Colony for Canton in a panic are in reality jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

Foot and mouth disease has broken out amongst the cattle at Sitou, near the Canal on the 15th inst.

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Additional Regulations relating to the grant of leave to members of the Police Force are published in Saturday's Gazette.

The C. P. Steamer Empress of Japan arrived at Shanghai at 8 p.m. on the 25th inst. and left on the 26th inst. at 3 p.m. for Vancouver via Japan.

Lieut. Colonel Ellis, who has been placed on half-pay, is expected to be in the colony on the 25th inst.

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